

**Amendments to the Specification:**

Please replace the paragraph beginning on page 1, line 4 with the following rewritten paragraph:

--This application is a continuation of U.S. Patent Application No. 09/918,584, filed July 31, 2001. Reference is made to commonly assigned, ~~co-pending U.S. Patent Application Serial Numbers:~~ U.S. Patent No. 6,457,822 by Chen et al., U.S. Patent No. 6,541,599 by Wang, U.S. Patent No. 6,541,600 by Wang et al., U.S. Patent No. 6,525,170 by Wang, and U.S. Patent No. 6,353,082 by Wang.--